



**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
January 26, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Bhuwan Pyakurel called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Abram, Baker, Johnson, Pyakurel, Towns, Salvati, Chambers, Hill
ABSENT:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The regular meeting minutes of January 9, 2026 were approved as submitted.

Regular Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2026

The regular meeting minutes of January 12, 2026 were approved as submitted.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

President Pyakurel thanked the City's snow warriors for all of their hard work in removing snow the past two days. They have done a great job! He expressed how thankful he was for their efforts. Several other Councilmembers also thanked City street department staff for their efforts.

Mayor Begeny stated that this snowfall was the first large snow since he took office. The main roadways have been cleared and crews were now working to clear residential streets. The City was a little low on salt, but was awaiting a delivery. However, due to the low temperatures, the use of salt was ineffectual. He congratulated the snow crews for doing a great job.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council Rules

President Pyakurel advised that Council received a copy of the Council Rules for review and approval at the February 9, 2026 meeting. Council was required to review and approve the Council rules following every election.

REPORTS

Clerk of Court Report for December 2025

The Clerk of Court submitted monies collected from the courts held in December 2025 in the amount of \$25,806.05.

There is no Development, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.

Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee

This is the Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee meeting for January 26, 2026.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Abram, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Towns, Chair Johnson, and President Pyakurel.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Approve the Purchase of Two (2) Ford Interceptor Police Cruisers for the Reynoldsburg Police Department and Waive Competitive Bidding

Mayor Begeny explained that the police department was requesting Council to authorize the purchase of two Ford Interceptor police cruisers. These vehicles were replacing older vehicles or vehicles that were totaled in insurance claims. These vehicles were included in the City's 2026 budget. The cars were being ordered early in the year through the identified state bid contract in order to ensure availability and to allow time for the vehicles to arrive and be outfitted.

Councilmember Chambers asked what happens to any vehicles being replaced. Mayor Begeny advised that generally functioning vehicles were stripped of equipment and sold on GovDeals with funds being deposited back into the police department vehicle fund.

Chair Johnson moved to forward the Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Towns. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the City Attorney and Mayor to Enter into a Grant Agreement for 2026 with the Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Board of

Franklin County for Continued Operation of the Reynoldsburg Recovery Court

Attorney Shook stated that this legislation was the renewal contract for 2026 with Franklin County. It was a reimbursable grant agreement that allowed the City to pay half of the salary for our Criminal Justice Administrator and other various items that were needed for the success of the Reynoldsburg Recovery Court. A brief summary of this program was included in Council's packet. There were seven individuals who graduated from the program in 2025 and one individual who graduated in 2026. Attorney Shook explained that the number of individuals participating in this program had decreased, but the program was still effective. He stated that he was very proud of this program and all the work Maria Watson did.

Chair Johnson moved to forward the Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Abram. Motion carried.

Public Service & Transportation Committee

This is the Public Service & Transportation Committee meeting for January 26, 2026.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Abram, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Towns, Chair Hill, and President Pyakurel.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Grant American Electric Power (AEP) a Utility Easement, and Declaring an Emergency

This item has been requested as a single-read emergency.

Director Dorman stated that once the old service building was destroyed, and they moved into the new building, there would need to be additional services installed due to the size of the new service building complex. A new three-phase transformer would be installed with new equipment and AEP was requesting a utility easement for that project.

Chair Hill moved to forward the Ordinance to Council for a first reading and emergency approval. Second by Councilmember Chambers. Motion carried.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with OR Colon for Support Services Relating to Waggoner Road Phase II and Appropriating Funds Therefor

Director Dorman stated that, similar to Phase I, they were requesting that O R Colon assist the City in temporary or permanent easements and right-of-way support services related to the Waggoner Road Phase II project with items like

document preparation, closings, records, etc. The money for these services would be coming from the OPWC grant money received from this project. Director Dorman stated that the total number for these services was included in the bond packet, so they may need to adjust the funding source for this contract at the next meeting.

Chair Hill moved to forward the Ordinance to Council for a first reading. Second by Councilmember Towns. Motion carried.

There are no Finance & Administration Committee meeting.

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT: 8 - 0 (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Salvati
SECONDER: Baker
AYES: Abram, Baker, Johnson, Pyakurel Towns, Salvati, Chambers, Hill

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR EMERGENCY ADOPTION

RESULT: 8 - 0 (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: Baker
SECONDER: Towns
AYES: Abram, Baker, Johnson, Pyakurel Towns, Salvati, Chambers, Hill

An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Bonds in the Maximum Principal Amount of \$13,910,000, for the Purpose of Paying the Costs of Improving the Municipal Vehicular Transportation System, and Declaring an Emergency



An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Grant American Electric Power (AEP) a Utility Easement, and Declaring an Emergency

CONSENT AGENDA FOR FIRST READING

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Contract with O.R. Colon for Support Services Relating to Waggoner Road Phase II and Appropriating Funds Therefore

This Ordinance stands for a first reading.

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

Councilmember Towns thanked the residents throughout the City for stepping up and helping neighbors, whether it was shoveling sidewalks or helping people dig the cars out of snow piles. She stated that she had observed quite a few people helping neighbors as she was driving through the City.

Councilmember Baker congratulated Quinn Dean on being recognized as Athlete of the Week in the Columbus Dispatch for his efforts on the winning Reynoldsburg Bowling Team. He also thanked the Reynoldsburg street department for their great work in clearing the City's roadways. He also thanked all the people who had to go to work on Monday to provide their necessary services, including the City's own Clerk Prasher.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- February 5, 2026 Planning & Zoning Board**
- February 9, 2026 Council**
- February 16, 2026 Presidents' Day City Offices Closed**
- February 19, 2026 Planning & Zoning Board**
- February 23, 2026 Council**

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Council President Pyakurel adjourned the meeting.



Bhuwan Pyakurel, Council President

Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council